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GeoQ 05 – How diverse is the Australian community?



Please note: This task can be completed by hand or on a computer.
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Data:

Characteristics of the Australian Population.

	% of Total Persons 2001	% of Total Persons 2006	% of Total Persons 2011(Estimated)
Persons with Australian citizenship	88.2	86.1	
Indigenous persons	2.2	2.3	
Persons born overseas	21.9	22.2	
Country of Birth			
Australia	72.6	70.9	
England	4.5	4.3	
New Zealand	1.9	2.0	
China(excludes SAR'S and Taiwan Province)	0.8	1.0	

Italy	1.2	1.0	
Vietnam	0.8	0.8	
Language Spoken at Home			
English only spoken at home	80.8	78.5	
Italian	1.9	1.6	
Greek	1.4	1.3	
Cantonese	1.2	1.2	
Arabic	1.1	1.2	
Mandarin	0.7	1.1	
Religious Affiliation			
Catholic	26.6	25.8	
Anglican	20.7	18.7	
No Religion	15.5	18.7	
Uniting Church	6.7	5.7	
Presbyterian and Reformed	3.4	3.0	

Source: Census of Population and Housing, Census QuickStats, 2001 onwards

Task:

1. List 3 pieces of information that are similar to what you expected.
2. List 3 pieces of information that surprise you because they are different from what you expected.

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3. Compare your answers with at least 2 other people in the class. How were they similar and how were they different to yours?

4. Select information from the table provided and create 2 graphs to show:

- Diversity in the Australian population
- How one of the characteristics has changed between 2001 and 2006.

5. Study the changes between 2001 and 2006 for the data provided and make your own prediction of what the values will be in 2011. If the 2011 Census data has been released (J 2012), check to see how accurate your predictions have been by going to the Census webpage.

6. Complete a survey of your class for one of the following:

- Country of birth

- Language spoken at home

7. Convert the results of the survey into percentages. Create 2 graphs to show how the results of your survey compare to the data provided for Australia.

8. Using the statistics provided, write a paragraph to show the diversity of the Australian population.

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Extension:

9. Access Census QuickStats data for your local community (suburb, local government area). Compare the results from your local community with the values for Australia above.

10. Use CensusAtSchool data to compare a sample of Australian students with your class.

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